



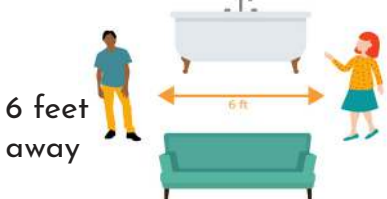





Social Distancing Social Story

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<p>Right now, some people around the world are sick with a virus called COVID19.</p>	 <p>sick</p>
<p>The virus can make some people very sick. I can help keep myself, my family, and my friends safe by social distancing.</p>	 <p>social distancing</p> <p>6 ft</p>
<p>Social distancing means I can only be near the people I live with. When I stay away from people that I don't live with, I am helping the world get better.</p>	 <p>stay home</p>
<p>It's ok to feel sad and to miss my friends and other people who I like to see. I can talk to them on the phone or see them on a video call.</p>	 <p>phone call</p>
<p>I can still go outside for exercise or to go to the store, but I have to stay at least 6 feet away from other people. That's about the length of my couch or bathtub!</p>	 <p>6 feet away</p>
<p>I can follow the six-feet apart rule of social distancing until doctors and scientists say that it is safe to gather closer together again.</p>	 <p>doctor</p>
<p>If I go outside, I will not touch my face. I will wash my hands immediately when I return home.</p>	 <p>wash hands</p> <p>don't touch face</p>
<p>I might have to wear a mask if I go outside. The mask will help protect my nose and mouth from germs.</p>	 <p>mask</p>